



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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October 3, 2000

Mr. Jeff S. Jordan  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington DC 20463

Re: MUR-5087; Complaint of George C. Taylor Against  
The League of Women Voters of South Carolina

Dear Mr. Jordan,

This letter is to respond to your letter stating that Mr. George C. Taylor made a formal complaint to the Federal Election Commission about his potential exclusion from the congressional debates sponsored by the League of Women Voters of South Carolina and aired by South Carolina Educational Television. Mr. Taylor has subsequently withdrawn his complaint in a letter to the Federal Election Commission dated September 15, 2000. I have enclosed a copy of his letter.

Mr. Taylor made his original complaint based on the criteria the League used for participation in debates held for the candidates for South Carolina Constitutional offices in 1998. This criteria was not used for 2000 congressional debates.

I have enclosed a copy of the League of Women Voters' 2000 congressional debate criteria. The criteria was solely created by the League of Women Voters of South Carolina based on our understanding of FEC regulations.

As one of the candidates who filed for South Carolina's 2<sup>nd</sup> congressional district race, Mr. Taylor was invited to participate in the debate and show proof that he met the enclosed criteria. A League Criteria Committee reviewed information supplied to the League by Mr. Taylor and concluded that Mr. Taylor met the criteria. He will be participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> district congressional debate to be aired on October 23, 2000.

We believe we have complied with the Federal Election Commission's regulations.

Please notify me at the address above if you need further information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Laurel M. Suggs, President

Enclosures

The Foregoing was Signed and Sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2000.

Notary Public

My commission Expires May 8, 2010

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RICHARD WINN ACADEMY

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*attention Laurel*

George C Taylor  
SC Congressional Candidate District 2  
1635 Old Airport Road  
Winnsboro, SC 29180  
803-635-7969

September 15, 2000

Dear General Council to the FEC:

I hereby withdraw my complaint against the South Carolina League of Women Voters and South Carolina Educational Television which I first filed on June 9, 2000 and refiled with proper notary public's certificate on August 25, 2000. I withdraw my complaint because the League dropped the subjective opinion poll as one of its criteria for inclusion in congressional debates.

Sincerely,

*George C. Taylor*

George C. Taylor  
SC Natural Law Party  
Congressional Candidate for District 2

*Signed & Sworn before me  
on September 18, 2000*

*Dana Klump*

My Commission Expires  
March 14, 2005

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**CRITERIA FOR CONGRESSIONAL DEBATES  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
FALL 2000**

To be eligible for inclusion in a debate, the candidate must have:

- 1) Ballot Access - The candidate must meet all South Carolina election law requirements to be on the ballot.
- 2) A formal campaign - The candidate must present evidence that a formal campaign is being waged, e.g. presence of headquarters, campaign volunteers, issuance of position papers, campaign appearances, media coverage.
- 3) Financial Support - Evidence of support through the receipt of contributions from a significant number of contributors.

A congressional candidate wishing to be included in a LWVSC candidate debate must supply the League with evidence that all criteria have been met. Final determination of eligibility to participate will be made by a League Steering committee and must be received by the time specified in the invitation letter.

Status as a nominee of a particular party does not automatically make a candidate eligible for debate participation.

There will be no substitutes or stand-ins for the candidates and no "empty chair" debates. At least one major party candidate must be participating.